



Attorney's Docket No. 000500-128

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In re Patent Application of) **BOX: RCE**
Kent MALMGREN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1623
Application No.: 09/101,341) Examiner: E. White
Filed: July 8, 1998)
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND)
ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING)
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

BOX RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [X] RCE Fee S [] RCE Fee L fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. Applicants previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
[] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _
[] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _
[] Other:___
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
[X] Amendment/Reply.
[] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
[X] Other: a Petition for Extension of Time, and a copy of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 13th Ed., pp. 237-38.
3. [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
[X] No additional claim fee is required.
[X] The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee					\$740.00 (101)
Total Claims	19	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$78.00 (102) =	0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00 (104)					
Total Fee					740.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Fee					
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$740.00

4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 740.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

5. ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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